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TO: Business and Job Seekers

FROM: State Workforce Investment Board

RE: Support of the State Registered Apprenticeship Programs

The State Workforce Investment Board has reviewed the State Registered Apprenticeship Programs and fully supports this model for continued economic and workforce development in Montana.

The Apprenticeship Program provides technical assistance and oversight for all federally registered apprenticeable occupations.

- > Currently, the State Program has 1,100 apprentices registered in over 53 occupations, with more than 700 employer sponsors.
- > Apprentices earn an average hourly wage of \$14.99 per hour for an average gross wage of \$31,179.20.
- > Employers contributed approximately \$30,960,095 in gross wages to apprentices.
- > The cost per participant is approximately \$380.00. For every one dollar the state invested in the registered apprenticeship, employers paid \$73.54 in wages.
- > Historical data indicates that out of the 835 apprentices completing the program since 1997, 705 (84.5%) were still wage earners in Montana in 2002.

We would like you to consider the opportunities available in the State Registered Apprenticeship Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Haley Beaudry".

Haley Beaudry
Chair, State Workforce Investment Board